

Why I Am Thankful...from Mary Parr-Sanchez, NEA-NM President

Fall in northern New Mexico is my favorite time of year. I love to see the beautiful colors as the leaves turn from green to gold, russet, orange, and red. As I drive up from the southern part of the state, and I get into Valencia County and then Bernalillo County, I feel the chill in the air and smell the piñon wood burning in the fireplaces. It is like coming home because I am from Albuquerque.

This year, 2020, has been like no other that I have lived to see. It started innocently enough. We had a productive 30-day legislative session with the state coffers full and educators on par to get a nice 4% raise. There was lots of new money for so called At-Risk Programs, Extended Learning Time and Community Schools. Life was good. Then March and COVID-19 happened.....every school in the state was forced to close under orders from the Governor and Health Department.

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Is Anyone Listening?

Amid a drastic spike in Covid-19 cases, it is critical that your voice be included in the legislative decision-making process. Are you ready to make sure legislators listen to your voice? Register for our December 5th Winter Conference and learn how to use the latest digital tools to effectively set-up a virtual strategy to lobby legislators in times of COVID-19. Your participation in the legislative process will have a major impact on the future of our students.

[Register for our Winter Conference](#)



We Want To Hear From You!

Take our legislative survey and make a difference for your students. This is a short but very important 7 question survey. Your input will help us craft our 2021 legislative session message.

[Take Survey](#)



Essentials Around Hybrid Learning Models

NEA, our national affiliate, has collaboratively created resources around hybrid learning models to help educators navigate this transition. Health, safety, and equity considerations are interwoven throughout the resources.

[Common Distance Learning Pedagogical Practices](#)

[Resources for a Safe and Structured Learning Environment](#)

[Additional Resources from NEA](#)



Self-Care During Covid-19

Covid-19 fatigue is real. Everyone is feeling it. The demands related to our new learning and teaching environment contribute to the high levels of stress and anxiety. It is taking a toll on our students, employees, and families' emotional and mental well-being. In order to both help and serve our students, we must also take care of ourselves.

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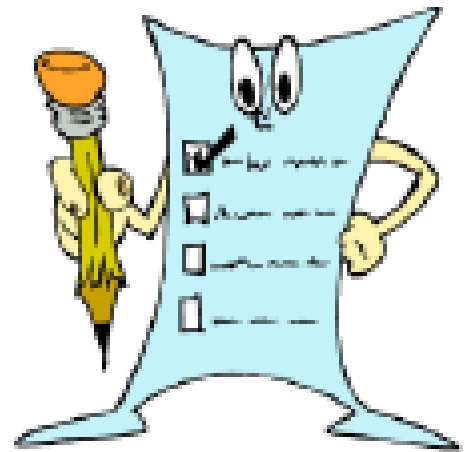


Being an educator isn't a job, it's a calling. It's also personally rewarding and professionally demanding. That's why NEA-NM strives to provide you with the support you need to be great at what you do. Invest in yourself and your students by taking our digital educator survey today! You can click on the links below.

[Pre-K through 12th grade Survey](#)

[ESP Survey](#)

[Higher Ed Survey](#)





Rev Up Your Retirement Goals

As the year winds to a close and we start to think about New Year's resolutions and plans for the upcoming year, this can also be a good time to assess and recharge your retirement planning strategy. Use these three calculators to keep your retirement planning on track.

[Rev Up Here](#)

You can also access pertinent information at the NM Educational Retirement Board and the NM Retiree Healthcare Authority to assist with that all important journey to those golden years!

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